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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

March 14, 2003

Dear Stakeholder:

On March 5, 2003, the Senate Rules Committee appointed a prominent Californian to the Authority, Robert Giroux, of Sacramento. Member Giroux is the Chief Assistant to President Pro-Tempore of the California State Senate.

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's March 25, 2003 Board Meeting will be held at the San Diego Associations of Governments (SANDAG) Board Room, 401 B Street, Suite 800, San Diego (see agenda attached).

This meeting will focus on potential conventional rail improvements to the Los Angeles-Orange County-San Diego (LOSSAN) rail corridor. Staff recommendations and the supporting technical data for eliminating some of the conventional rail design options at key locations along the LOSSAN corridor will be presented to the Authority. These "screening recommendations" are expected for design options at Del Mar, Encinitas, San Clemente/Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano. The board will not be asked to approve the screening recommendations at this time. The earliest date for that vote is the May 27, 2003 Board Meeting at the Irvine City Council Chambers. The components and timeline for the development of a "Strategic Plan" for potential conventional rail improvements for the LOSSAN corridor will also be discussed at the March 25, 2003 Board Meeting. This Strategic Plan is being developed in partnership with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the California Department of Transportation (Department).

The Authority, FRA and the Department will be conducting several "open house" public workshops along the LOSSAN corridor. The purpose of these public workshops is for area residents, public officials and business owners to gather information, to ask questions, and to provide feedback regarding the proposed screening recommendations and the components of the Strategic Plan. The locations and times of the upcoming LOSSAN corridor public workshops are shown below:

City	Date	Time	Location
City of Encinitas	March 25, 2003	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	City Hall, 505 S. Vulcan St.
City of San Diego	March 26, 2003	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Caltrans District 11, 2829 Juan Street
City of Anaheim	March 27, 2003	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	City Hall West, 201 South Anaheim Boulevard
City of San Clemente	April 2, 2003	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Community Center, 100 North Calle Seville
City of Norwalk	April 3, 2003	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Norwalk Marriott, 13111 Sycamore Drive

Comments can be sent to our mailing address, via our website (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) or by attending our public workshops or Authority meetings. The Authority looks forward to your input.

Sincerely,

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